



December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



Tuesday, Dec. 17– 5:30 PM–EGAN– (L) Julie Hebert, Beth & Rick Dudding **(D)** Carl Regan, Vines Trahan, Larry Crochet

Wednesday, Dec. 18- 8:00 AM– IOTA–(I) Lucy Clayton, Nicholas Burns, Seanna Roy **(D)** Mary Agnes Fabacher, David N LeJeune, Paul Andrepont fly., Wilbert LeJeune fly., Neal LeJeune, Loretta Short, Ida Burns

Thursday, Dec 19- 7:00 AM–IOTA–(L) Audrey Hoffpauir **(D)** Souls in Purgatory, Carolyn A. Earl, Lillie Andrepont, Jamie & James Soileau

Friday, Dec. 20- 7:00 AM–IOTA– (L) Charlotte McCrory, Rev. Jude Thierry, Al Murry Hill **(D)** Audrey Pousson

Saturday, Dec. 21- 4:00 PM- IOTA– (L) Lula Reed & fly., Rebecca Istre (b-day), Tiffany Istre (b-day), Charles Leger, Emma Hayes **(D)** JF, Julia & Jeffrey Clement, T-Man LaCombe, Raleigh Miller, Brunella Potie, Bercie Alleman, Charlie Brown LeJeune, Mathews LeJeune fly, Leven, Lorraine & Steve Pousson, Jimmie Reed, George W. Hoffpauir, Hoffpauir & Leonards fly., Souls in Purgatory, Marlene Leger, Stephan Roy, M/M Joseph Johnson, M/M Phillip Klumpp, Darrel Granger, Jules & Susie Menou, Jeanette LeJeune, Jared Hannon, Diana Gotte, Ben Fruge, Calvin Cart, Lillie & Calvin Aucoin, Joseph Pellerin

5:30 PM– EGAN- (L) Sherry Nelson & cousins **(D)** Marguerite Pousson, Irvin & Eva Pousson, Lucy & Theo Oliver, Sr., Theo Jr. Virginia Hebert, Blaine & Teddy Oliver, M/M Ferman Breaux, & fly., Sam & Dorris Meche & fly. Tommy Pinson, Jr.

Sunday, Dec. 22– 7:00 AM– IOTA- (L) All Parishioners

9:00AM- EGAN–(D) Alex Touns, Burton David, Vickie Bellon, Paul & James Bellon Betty S. Pousson, Donna P. Hebert, Karen P. Leonards

11:00 AM– IOTA- (L) Nancy Myers, Michael LeJeune fly, Todd Siffert, Joan Latiolais **(D)** Wayne Thevis, Audrey & Rigney Pousson, Sr., Kathy Simar, Geary Hebert, Leta Hebert, Tammy Spell, Willie & Audrey Myers, Rodney & Clarice LeJeune, Souls in Purgatory, Elmae Bellon, Christopher Comeaux, John Mark Latiolais, Sr., Lloyd & Verna Higginbotham, Robert & Delphine Richard

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Joseph: (D) Audrey Pousson

St. Michael:

Votive Lamps

Angel: (D) Marlene Leger, Stephan Roy (L) Charles Leger

Angel: (D) Willbert & Willa LeJeune family

St. Joseph: (D) David N. LeJeune



Mass offerings: *Thank you for your support!*

<u>IOTA:</u>	\$ 4,469.00	<u>EGAN:</u>	\$ 1,889.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 670.00		\$ 294.00

Up-coming collections: Christmas–Dec. 24/25

St. Joseph— Dec 21 & 22

Saturday	4:00 PM -L- Monica M.	M -	Deacon Ryan
Sunday	7:00 AM- L- Kayla S	M-	Deacon Ryan
	11:00 AM–L– Bridget D	M–	Deacon Ryan

St. Michael–

Saturday	5:30 PM–L– Erica D	M–	Jill J
Sunday	9:00 AM –L–Blaine L	M–	Ramona L

Church Cleaners~ Week of Dec. 16

St. Joseph– Pris S & friends

St. Michael– Laura H & fly

Communion to Homebound~ Dec. 19

Chris L & Nell B Betty L & sister

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

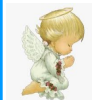
Cancer Rosary – Mon., Jan, 6 @5:30PM– St. Joseph Church

KC's– Tues., Jan 14h @ 7pm– Egan Church Hall

CDA- Tues., Jan 21 @10AM– Parish Hall

Come Lord Jesus– Mondays 6PM–church hall & Wednesdays @ 9AM– call 526-9177 for location– Thursdays 6PM Egan CCD building

Youth Group– Sun. – TBA @ 6-8PM– Parish Hall



Please pray for the sick of our parish– Darryl LeJeune, Velma Guidry, Pat R. LeJeune, Kristy McDaniel, Jerry Dale LeJeune, Leonard Cloud Jr., Quillian Bertrand, Connie LaCombe, Roylene Landry, Claude Breaux, Frances R. Miller, Camron Woodson, Mary Odom, Harold Ducote, Jr., Randy G. Regan, Sidney Fruge, Wilma LeJeune, Germaine Frey, Quincy Lantz, Rene Earles, Renee R. Doucet, Sharon Pousson, Rhonda Stoute, Cage Leger, Brady Manuel, Marie Dailey, Liz Langlinais, Loretta Miller, Irene Henry, Dale Sittig, Elaine Wriborg, Mark Moore, Becky Hebert, Linda Manuel, Ben Baggett, Ronnie Lease, Lynn Dale Coleman, Megan Mitchell, James “Tank” LeJeune, Raylan Alleman, Mary Motte, Merlene Bergeaux, Elaine Ravey, Brenda Simon, Gabriel Gotte, Randy Duplechain, Stacy LeJeune, Mona Cormier, Sandra Ritter



Church Support Envelopes– Envelope box sets for 2025 can be picked up in the foyer of both churches. If you would like to start using envelopes, please contact the office or send an email to nroy@diolaf.org



Our annual Christmas Cards were mailed out. If you did not receive yours, please call the parish office to update your information or fill out a new census form. If you are new to our parish, please fill out a census form in the foyer of both churches.

Dear Parish Family,

Rejoice! I say it again, rejoice! This weekend we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, which always occurs on the Third Sunday of Advent. It is one of my favorite Sundays because it is a time of joyful anticipation. I like to think of it as a child seeing the gifts under the Christmas tree. We know Christmas is almost here, but we just have to wait a few more days. It is a weekend centered around joy. It's not quite time to open those gifts!

Christianity is the religion of joy, but few understand what joy is and how to gain it. It may seem odd that we have to be reminded to rejoice. Isn't rejoicing easy? Isn't being happy something we all want? Doesn't everyone want to be happy? The short answer is no. Many people, especially during the holidays (which comes from an Old English word for "holy days") have a deep sadness in their hearts. Others experience immense pains, either physical, emotional, psychological, or spiritual.

Joy doesn't happen by circumstance. To be joyful, you can practice two things in your life: First, practice **gratitude**. As St. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always." Giving thanks in all circumstances does not always seem possible. There are many times when we do not want to give thanks. But St. Paul and all the saints remind us that it is possible to rejoice, pray, and give thanks all the time. One may think the opposing vice of gratitude is simply ingratitude. But I think it goes beyond that.

The opposing sin is *entitlement*, which is rooted in pride. The entitled Christian gladly accepts what God gives them but constantly demands more. To overcome this sin, we should do acts of **service**. This is the second thing we can practice. By focusing on the needs of others, I forget about my own needs and wants. Acts of service are rooted in charity. Catholic charity is not performed merely to be seen or because it's a nice thing to do. We practice charity because Jesus has chosen to associate Himself with those who are poor and little.

Once again, our Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:

- 4 p.m. December 24th at St. Joseph
- 6 p.m. December 24th at St. Michael
- Midnight Candlelight Mass at St. Joseph
- 9 a.m. December 25th at St. Joseph

Also, please note there will be no Confessions before Christmas Masses. We will resume our normal weekday Mass and Confession schedule on December 26th. Get ready for Christmas by attending our Advent Mission with Dcn. Ryan. Our first Mission was a success! Come hear more at our second Mission on December 18th at 6 p.m.!

I will be away next week, from December 16th through the 19th, so we will not have Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. I will be back by Friday, so we will have Mass on that day. Please pray for my travels, and my grandma as I go and visit her. Her condition has recently improved.


Looking ahead, **January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation**, celebrating Mary, the Mother of God. We will have the following Masses:

- 4 p.m. December 31st at St. Michael
- 7 a.m. January 1st at St. Joseph
- Noon January 1st at St. Joseph

In January, we will also have our Walk for Life. This event is done in tandem with St. Francis School. It will be on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 10 a.m. The walk will be 2.4 miles and begin and end at the school. Please put this on your calendar and help spread the word! We had a great turnout last year to speak for those helpless unborn babies who cannot speak for themselves!


Please be reverent when lifting and lowering the kneelers for Mass. After the priest says, "Let us pray," there has been recently a cacophony of noise from them hitting the stops on the pews. This is distracting for not just the congregation but also the priest. There is no need to rush or slam the kneelers. I was recently made aware that several of them are broken and hope to remedy that situation soon.

God Bless,
Fr. Killeen



We have 2 Adoration hours that needs to be filled
Every other Saturday @ 7PM
Saturday @11PM
If you would like one of these hours please call the parish office.

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed
Thursday, Dec. 19th @3PM until
Monday, Jan. 6, 2025 @ 8AM
for the Christmas Holidays



We will be decorating St. Joseph Church on Monday, December 23 @ 10AM. Please join us if you would like to help. Any and all help is appreciated!


Festival de la Vie
Respect, Protect and Serve All Life *together.*
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025
PARC SAN SOUCI 10AM-1PM
diolaf.org/ProlifeFestival
JOIN US TO PRAY FOR A GREATER RESPECT FOR EVERY LIFE.



Kristi Fiedler & Kayla Stansbury
Praxis & Worship Music
Jeanie Holmes
Food, Family Fun & Games
Interfaith Prayer Walk

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MARCH 22, 2025
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
CAJUNDOME CONVENTION CENTER
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

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